

REMARKS

Claims 1-4, 6-12, 14-17, 19-22, 24-25 and 27 are pending. Claims 1, 10, 17, 21, 24, 25 and 27 have been amended. Claims 5, 13, 18, 23 and 26 have been canceled.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)

The Patent Office rejected Claims 1-4, 6-12, 14-17, 19-22 and 25 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by Amemiya, U.S. Patent No. 6,249,132.

The Patent Office rejected Claims 1-4, 6-12, 14-17, 19-22 and 25 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by Peters, U.S. Patent No. 4,848,090.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Patent Office indicated claims 5, 13, 18, 23, 24, 26 and 27 would be allowable is rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 1, 10, 17, 21 and 25 have been amended to include the limitations of claims 5, 13, 18, 23 and 26 respectively, consequently, claims 1-4, 6-12, 14-17, 19-22, 24-25 and 27 are believed allowable.

CONCLUSION

In light of the forgoing amendments and arguments, reconsideration of the claims is hereby requested, and a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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